

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/05 (05-03)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0032

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 3110-000038/DVF

First Inventor Donald G. Wheatley

Title TONNEAU COVER SYSTEM WITH ADJUSTMENT LIMIT

Express Mail Label No. EV 406 075 793 US (1/15/2004)

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO:Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 24]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention ☒ Specification filed in English
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
ii. ☐ paper
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Request and Non Publication under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: _____

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No: 10 / 331,711

Prior application information:

Examiner Joseph D. Pape

Group / Art Unit: 3612

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

17. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS☒ Customer Number or Bar Code Label

27572

or ☐ Correspondence address below

(Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here)

Name Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.

Address P.O. Box 828

City Bloomfield Hills

State

MI

Zip Code

48303

Country United States of America

Telephone

248-641-1600

Fax

248-641-0270

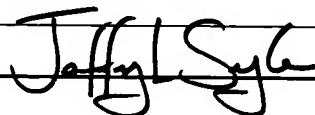
Name (Print/Type)

S.M. Erjavac / J.L. Snyder

Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)

38,442 / 43,141

Signature



Date

January 15, 2004

EV 406 075 793 US

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2004**

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 385**Complete if Known**

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Application Number | Unknown |
| Filing Date | Herewith |
| First Named Inventor | Donald G. Wheatley |
| Examiner Name | Unknown |
| Art Unit | Unknown |
| Attorney Docket No. | 3110-000038/DVF |

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money ☐ Other ☐ None☐ Deposit Account:Deposit
Account
Number

08-0750

Deposit
Account
Name

Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments
☒ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application
☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.
FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee | 385 |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | | (\$ 385) |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------|---|---|---|----------------|---|---|----------|
| Total Claims | 4 | -20 ** | = | 0 | X | Fee from below | = | 0 | Fee Paid |
| Independent Claims | 2 | -3 ** | = | 0 | X | | = | 0 | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | | X | | = | 0 | |

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | |
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

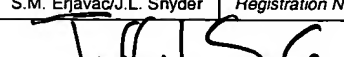
FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|----------|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet. | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 0)**SUBMITTED BY****Complete (if applicable)**

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|
| Name (Print/Type) | S.M. Erjavac/J.L. Snyder | Registration No. Attorney/Agent | 38,442 / 43,141 | Telephone | 248 641-1600 |
| Signature |  | | | Date | January 15, 2004 |

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.